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LETTER DATED 7 MAY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I am pleased to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 6 May 1994 from Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, concerning the violation of Iraqi airspace over the various governorates of Iraq and the dropping of leaflets hostile to Iraq and the Iraqi people by United States and other warplanes based in the territory of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 6 May 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like, firstly, to refer to my previous letters addressed to you successively on 9 and 16 December 1993 and on 12 January and 23 February 1994 and containing Iraq's strong protest at the violation of Iraqi airspace over the various governorates of Iraq and the dropping of leaflets hostile to Iraq and the Iraqi people by United States and other warplanes based in the territory of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. In these letters, Iraq also stressed the illegitimacy of the two aerial exclusion zones imposed on Iraq in its northern and southern regions.

In this letter, I wish to report to you the following information and incidents:

1. At 1045 hours on 3 May 1994, a hostile warplane coming from the territory of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait violated Iraqi airspace, overflew Najaf Governorate and dropped large quantities of provocative and hostile leaflets, which fell on the town of Najaf. The leaflets contained obscenities against Iraq and the Iraqi people.

2. At 1100 hours on 3 May 1994, another hostile warplane coming from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and flying at high altitude violated Iraqi airspace and dropped large quantities of hostile leaflets, most of which fell on the capital of Muthanna Governorate in southern Iraq and on nearby villages in that governorate.

Furthermore, other, similar hostile actions by United States and other warplanes were carried out over Ninawa, Salah al-Din and Ta'mim Governorates.

The imposition of aerial exclusion zones in the northern and southern regions of Iraq is an illegitimate and illegal act unrelated to the United Nations. This has been affirmed by you yourself on more than one occasion and also by your Spokesman, Joe Sills. The whole world knows quite well that these illegitimate and illegal acts constitute blatant aggression against Iraq and a grave violation of its sovereignty and security and the safety of its people.

The Republic of Iraq protests strongly and condemns these provocative actions, which are contrary to the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

I call on you officially, on behalf of the Iraqi Government, to assume your responsibility and to put a halt to these provocative acts and end the embargo

imposed on Iraq, out of respect for the Charter of the United Nations and on the basis of the responsibilities of the international Organization to respect the sovereignty of States.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq